Literature Field Test Results

Data Narrative Academic Year 2012- 2013

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2012- 2013 ETS Major Field Test Data

Reported: June 2013 Assessed: April 2013 Literature in English

I. In spring of 2013, 4 graduating seniors, Literature majors, were assessed by ETS using a standardized Major Field Test, Literature in English.

II. The demographics of the tested group are as follows:

a. Male: 33% **Female**: 67%

b. White: 83% **Other**: 17%

c. Transfer students: 17% Non-transfer:83%

d. English as best language

Yes: 67% Other: 17% Both: 17%

e. Undergraduate GPA

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g. Education Planned: 17% plan to pursue an MA

50% plan to pursue a Ph.D.

33% Undecided

- III. The assessment was divided into four categories, with each category further divided into subcategories as noted in Section VII.
 - a. Literature 1900 and Earlier
 - b. Literature 1901 and Later
 - c. Literary Analysis
 - d. Literary History and Identification
- IV. The **total test scores**, noting percentiles for students are as follows:

Percentile Score on Entire Exam	Number of Students in Percentile
· 90-99%	0
80-89%	1
70-79%	0
60-69%	1
30-33%	2
10-20%	2

The scale scored mean for the total exam was **153.** (In 2012 it was 171 for PLNU; in 2011 it was 174.)

V. The **raw scores**, based on a possible score of 200, for the total exam are noted below. The *scale score mean*, for the total test **is 170**.

In 2012-2013, PLNU's score was 153.

The scale scored mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was 154.7%.

Raw
Scores
165
161
158
158
143
133

- VI. Following are the percentiles for subcategories as noted below:
 - a. **Literature 1900 and earlier:** The *average score* in this subcategory is **51%.** In 2011, it was **75%.**

The scale scored mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was 54.3%.

Percentile Score	Number of Students in Rank
80-99%	0
70-79%	0
60-69%	1
55-59%	3
45-49%	1
30-34%	1

b. **Literature 1901 and later:** The *average score* in this subcategory **is 57%.** In 2011, the average was **69%.**

The scale scored mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was 54.5%.

Percentile Score	Number of Students in Rank
90-99%	0
85-89%	0
80-84%	0
70-75%	2
60-64%	1
55-59%	1
40-44%	1
35-39%	1

c. **Literary Analysis:** The *average score* in this subcategory is 47%. In 2011, it was **70%**

The scale scored mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was 54.6%.

Percentile Score	Number of Students in Rank
90-99%	0
80-89%	0
70-79%	0
60-79%	0
55-59%	2
50-54%	1
45-49%	1
35-39%	1
25-29%	1

d. Literary History and Identification:

The average score in this subcategory is 63%. In 2011, it was 75% The scale scored mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was 53.9%.

Percentile Score	Number of Students in Rank
90-99%	0
80-89%	0
70-74%	1
65-69%	3
55-59%	1
45-49%	1

VII. Each subcategory was further divided into other categories. Noted below in bold are the PLNU students' *mean percent correct* within each of these categories. The other score is the national mean percent correct for the years 2005-2010:

Subcategory	PLNU 2013	PLNU 2012	PLNU 2011	PLNU 2010	PLNU 2009	National 2005-2010
British Literature pre-1660	47	66	66	60	65	50.8
British Literature 1660-1900	43	52	68	60	63	46.2
American Literature to 1900	47	61	74	66	70	59.9
British and American Literature 1901-1945	52	58	66	57	64	52.1
Literature in English since 1945	55	75	75	62	74	61.7
Literary History	57	63	63	53	55	45.6
Identification	47	54	63	55	60	47.1
Literary Theory	42	58	69	64	62	48.4

VIII. Scores noted for graduating Lit-English Education Majors and Literature Majors, 2012-13:

Lit-English Education Majors	Total Score	Subscore 1 Lit. Pre 1900	Subscore 2 Lit 1901 later	Subscore 3 <i>Lit Analysis</i>	Subscore 4 Lit Hist/ID
Hagan, Kaitlyn	161	55	74	57	66
Kilpatrick, Christina	165	62	71	59	66
Lehman, Erin	158	57	58	51	68
Literature Majors	Total Score	Subscore 1 Lit. Pre 1900	Subscore 2 Lit 1901 later	Subscore 3 Lit Analysis	Subscore 4 Lit Hist/ID
Baltazar, Brenda	158	55	63	48	71
Schultheiss, Jeremy	133	33	35	27	48
Stivers, Stuart	143	45	40	39	56

IX. Criteria of Success

Our established *criteria of success* are a score of **5 points above the National Average** in each sub-category of the field test. PLNU students met this target in only one of the subcategories in the major field test assessment for the 2012-2013 academic year. The sub-category in which our PLNU target was met was **Literary History.** The 2012-2013 cohort of graduating seniors was one of the lowest performing on the ETS Field Test in Literature since we began use the test a direct means of assessment in our Literature Program. (Please see the 2006-2011 ETS Comparative Report also loaded in the Evidence of Student Learning section of our Assessment Wheel.)

Subcategory	National average	PLNU Scores 2013	PLNU Target	PLNU Target Success
British Literature pre-1660	50.8	47	55.8	-8.8 not met
British Literature 1660-1900	46.2	43	51.2	-8.2 not met
American Literature to 1900	59.9	47	64.9	-17.9 not met
British and American Literature 1901-1945	52.1	52	57.1	-5.10 not met
Literature in English since 1945	61.7	55	66.7	-11.7 not met
Literary History	45.6	57	50.6	+ 6.4 met
Identification	47.1	47	52.1	-5.1 not met
Literary Theory	48.4	42	53.4	-11.4 not met